Discovery of Coal Mines

†*360. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tripura-Mizoram regional office of Geological Survey of India has confirmed discovery of coal mine in a remote village in West Tripura district;

(b) if so, the type of this coal;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these mines are spread over a large area; and

(d) if so, by when the mining work is likely to commence in these mines?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Question do not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Amount for development of NER

†*2414. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount allocated for development of North-Eastern region as on date;

(b) whether the pace of development works in N.E. States is slow despite formation of a separate Ministry for development of North-Eastern Region; and

(c) whether Centre has taken bay measures to expedite various projects meant for North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) The details of funds released for the NE States

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.